

**TOWN OF HOUNSFIELD BOARD MEETING**  
**June 8, 2016**

After the Pledge of Allegiance was said, a Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Timothy Scee at 7 PM, at the Town Hall, 18774 Co. Rt. 66 for the purpose of hearing comments on the Town bonding for \$200,000 to have an aeration system installed in the Town water tower on Tower Road.

One question was asked and the Public Hearing was tabled. All comments need to be in by June 12, 2016.

A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Farrington to continue the Public Hearing on installing an aeration system in the Town water tower on Tower Road for \$200,000, on June 21, 2016 at 7 PM. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time the monthly meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hounsfield was called to order by Supervisor Scee and other members of the Board present were Todd Farrington and Carson Lennox. Corry Lawler and Victoria Pritty-Pitcher were absent.

Representatives of Apex Clean Energy were present and talked about the proposed Galloo Island Wind project. A construction start date is tentatively the end of 2017 or beginning of 2018.

Attorney Paul Curtin, Casanovia, New York, was also present and spoke about his background and experience with wind projects and expressed that he would like to move the Town of Hounsfield through the entire process for the Galloo Island Wind project.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lennox to approve minutes of the Board meeting held on May 11, 2016. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee reported that he received a letter from NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance saying that the Town tax assessment rate is still at 100%,

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to purchase a tablet with Town of Henderson for the Assessor to use in the field. The combined cost is \$450, each town will pay \$225. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Clerk to the Supervisor read the Statement of the Supervisor: Total receipts \$76,649.25, Total Disbursements \$158,131.08, Total cash in bank \$372,487.51, Total investments \$645,374.34. A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to accept the Supervisor's report for May 2016. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to pay bills in abstract #6, vouchers #100319-100368: General Fund A \$16,217.43, General Fund B \$1,649.82, Lakeside Cemetery Fund \$800.00, Highway Fund A \$4,947.43, Highway Fund B \$13,677.55, Water Dist. 2 \$4,464.35, Water Dist. 5 \$2,432.10, Water Dist. 1 \$92.08, Water Dist. 4 \$44.51, Water Dist. 3 \$3,537.63, Abstract Total \$47,862.90. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Councilmen Lennox and Farrington gave monthly reports.

The Highway Superintendent gave a work report for the month of May.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lennox to hire a second part time Highway Dept. employee for the summer at a \$12.00 per hr. rate. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Highway Superintendent reported that in a conversation with the owner of East Coast Creations, who was awarded the bid for mowing Lakeside Cemetery, he admitted that he underbid the job and cannot continue to do it for that price. A discussion was held by the Board about the cemetery mowing and they were not satisfied with the quality of work done by East Coast Creations.

A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lennox to have the Highway Superintendent call the second bidder, Yard by Yard, and see if they are still interested in mowing Lakeside Cemetery that they bid on. If interested, the Board would like to hire Yard by Yard for a two year contract at a rate of \$500 per mow. All members voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Highway Superintendent gave Board members a guideline of the Highway Budget and schedule of equipment replacement for reference.

The Zoning Officer was present and gave a monthly report.

A representative of Barton & Loguidice was present to update the Board on the aeration system for the Town water tank.

C'man Farrington reported that he and a Trustee of the Village have reworked the agreement with Sackets Harbor for the Public Safety building. The Board reviewed it and C'man Farrington made a motion to approve the Town of Hounsfield and Village of Sackets Harbor Shared Services Agreement for the Public Safety Building and send it on to the Village Board for approval. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

Supervisor Scee received a request from DANC that the Town of Hounsfield encourage residents to use clear bags for trash to promote recycling. The Board suggested that a notice be written on the Town website.

Supervisor Scee received a letter from Jefferson County requesting a letter of support from Town of Hounsfield for a National Marine Sanctuary on Eastern Lake Ontario. After a discussion, this was tabled to receive more information.

A motion was made by C'man Lennox and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to allow the Clerk to the Supervisor to apply for a VISA Citibank credit card on behalf of the Town of Hounsfield to use for travel and one to use for purchases without the federal wire or ACH option. After a discussion, all voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Water Operator had two water credit requests to present to the Board. The first request was for the late fee of \$9 because the water bill was not received in the mail. A motion was made by Supervisor Scee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Farrington to deny this request because the Town cannot account for the actions of the Postal Service. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

The Water Operator explained that the second water credit request comes from a customer that has had a bad meter that would not read for a while and his bills were his average usage during that time. The meter was changed, after trying to make appointments numerous times, and when he received the last bill the amount was much lower so he wants credit for the difference going back five years, which he figures is \$1264. The Water Operator will get more information for the Board on his consumption in the past. A motion was made by C'man Farrington and 2<sup>nd</sup> by C'man Lennox to table this decision until there is more information to look at. All voted aye and the motion was carried.

At this time the Water Operator filled the Board in on another main water leak on Route 3, District 2.

Public comments were made on the water leak and Water Committee meeting date.

Supervisor Scee announced that at the Town of Hounsfield Senior Citizen dinner MaryAnn Oliver was named the Town of Hounsfield Senior of the Year.

Next regular meeting is July 13, 2016.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Submitted by,

Diane M. Nier  
Town Clerk